drawn up a comprehensive project by integrating different programmes for the rehabilitation of these bonded labourers.

Dismissed officers of the Bank of Cochin

2252. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:
SHRI L. GANESAN:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) how many officials were removed from the Bank of Cochin before it was amalgamated with the State Bank of India;

(b) whether any pressure is being brought upon Government to take back these officials; and

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard;

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) As per the Scheme of Amalgamation of Bank of Cochin Limited with State Bank of India notified by the Government, 21 persons specified in the Schedule to the Scheme were not continud in the service of the transferee bank viz. State Bank of India.

(b) and (c) In the writ petitions filled in the Kerala High Court by some of the persons whose names included in the Schedule to the Scheme of Amalgamation, the Court has directed that representations, if any, submitted by the petitioners, seeking their continuance in service, will be considered on merits and disposed of by State Bank of India within a period of three months from 1.1.1986.

Gas Leakage at BHEL, Trichy

2253. DR. SHYAM SUNDAR MOHAPATRA:
SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether any gas leakage took place at BHEL. Trichy recently;

(b) if so. when and what are the reasons therefor;

(c) how many people were affected and whether any casualty took place;

(d) whether any inquiry has been ordered into it, if not, what are the reasons therefor;

(e) whether any compensation has been paid to the affected persons; if so, the details thereof and if not, the reaosns therefor; and

(f) what steps are being taken by Government to prevent such gas leakages in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) to (f) Information is being collected.

Allocation of Rice and Wheat to States

2254. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLES be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 741 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 22nd November, 1985 and state:

(a) the State-wise demand/allocation and actual disbursement of rice and wheat during the year ending December, 1985; and

(b) the State-wise allocation and actual disbursement of foodgrains, rice and wheat separately for NREP and other special employment generation programmes during the last three years. year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) A statement indicating demand, allotment and offtake of rice and wheat for public distribution system and roller flour mills, State-wise, during 1985 is attached. [*see* Appendix CXXXVI Annexure No. 30].

(b) Statements I and II indicating allotment and offtake of rice and wheat under National Rural Employment Programme/Rural Landless Employment Guarantee Programme and Employment Generation Scheme during the last three years are attached. [*See* Appendix CXXXVII, Annexure No. 31].

Employment potential in private sector

2255. SHRI CHITTA BASU:
SHRI RAMKRISHNA MAZUMDER:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that employment potential in the private sector has started showing signs of deceleration;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps Government have taken to increase the employment potential?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) and (b) Information on employment potential in the private sector is not available.

(c) As per Seventh Five Year Plan document it is expected that additional employment of the order of 40.36 million standard person years would be generated during the Seventh Plan as a result of implementation of various sectoral investment/programmes.

Import of Silk Yarn

2256. SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what was the extent of import of silk yarn from foreign countries during the years 1980—84 and 1985-86;

(b) whether it is a fact that this has affected the indigenous industry; and

(c) if so, to what extent?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN): (a) The year-wise import of silk yarn since 1980-81 is as under:

(*in tonnes*)

Year	Quantity imported
1980-81	130·00
1981-82	237·00
1982—83	214·00
	(Based on advance date from D G C I & S, Calcutta)

Data for the subsequent years has not yet been finalised by DGCI&S, Calcutta.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) In view of (b), does not arise.

Policy regarding input prices for Commodities

2257. SHRI KALPNATH RAI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have laid down any policy in regard to the input prices for different commodities like petroleum, coal, steel and fertilizers;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) how do Government propose to cut down the production costs of various commodities through the above policy?